



CONNECTICUT

TESTIMONY OF
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS (NFIB)
BY
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SUPPORTING

SB-759, AAC THE WAIVER OF FINES AND PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN BUSINESS
REGULATION VIOLATIONS;
SB-1006, AAC PERMITTING ACCOUNTABILITY;
SB-1007, AAC REVISIONS TO THE PAID SICK LEAVE STATUTES;
HB-5017, AAC THE LEARN HERE, LIVE HERE PROGRAM AND BUSINESS CREATION

BEFORE THE
COMMERCE COMMITTEE
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A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB is Connecticut's and the nation's leading small-business association. In Connecticut, NFIB represents thousands of members and their employees. NFIB membership is scattered across the state and ranges from sophisticated high technology enterprises to "Main Street" small businesses to single-person "Mom & Pop" shops that operate in traditional ways. NFIB's mission is "To promote and protect the right of its members to own, operate, and grow their businesses." On behalf of those small- and independent- job-providers in Connecticut, I offer the following comments:

NFIB/Connecticut supports the four bills referenced above common-sense attempts to improve the regulatory and economic environment for small businesses in Connecticut. We applaud the proponents' desires to help small businesses and the recognition that small businesses and entrepreneurs are indeed the engine that drives the state's economy, and simplifying regulatory and permitting processes, as well as the administration of and compliance with Connecticut's existing mandated paid leave law, is an important aspect of aiding in recovery. As members of this Committee are acutely aware, one of the foremost concerns of NFIB members and other small business owners is the amount of paperwork they are required to maintain and file with various levels of government. NFIB members believe that owners ought to be spending their time working on and in their business, not filling out and responding to forms, fines and fees from the government.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and NFIB urges lawmakers to support these four aforementioned bills.